

**Minutes of the Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council**  
**Wednesday, September 30, 2009**

Judge Davis called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Present:**

Judge Mac Davis (Chair)	Dan Trawicki	Karl Held	Craig Moser (for Paul Geisler)
Jim Dwyer	Larry Nelson	Dan Vrakas	Sam Benedict
Joanne Huelsman	Brad Schimel	Kathy Madden	Peter Schuler

**Absent:**

Marcia Jante

**Also Present:**

Rebecca Luczaj	Clara Daniels	Mike Giese	Vanessa Allen
Bob Gibson	Sara Carpenter	Rob Henken	

**Approve Minutes of July 29, 2009 Meeting**

MOTION: Vrakas moved, Dwyer second, to approve the minutes of July 29, 2009. Motion approved 11-0

**Update on Final Outcomes for Facilitated Employment Program for Offenders**

Fischer is the case manager and business services representative for the Facilitated Employment Program for Offenders and had good success helping offenders find employment in the current economic times.

Unfortunately the WIRED Grant funding for this program discontinues today and the program ends unless other funding is found. In addition to WIRED Grant funding, CDBG, CJCC and the Workforce Development Board make small financial contributions to the program.

Fischer distributed and reviewed a handout titled *FEPO Presentation to the CJCC – 9/9/09* which includes program statistics, success stories, benefits of the program and testimonials. Fischer completed 376 intakes and enrolled 107 participants into the program. Fifty-eight participants found 86 jobs, 55 part-time and 31 full time, with a mean wage of \$8.64 per hour. Two participants started their own businesses while 18 enrolled at WCTC. The cost to run this program effectively with two staff is approximately \$106K. Fischer hopes the community will find a way to address the special needs of this population. Fischer said anyone interested in getting more information on the program can email her at [sfischer13@wctc.edu](mailto:sfischer13@wctc.edu).

Nelson asked are there any other programs in the area comparable to this one? Fischer said there are not any programs in Waukesha County specifically like this one. The program offers intensive case management especially to those who volunteer for the program with a high level of motivation. Nelson asked is there any way to keep this program going? Fisher said it would take funding of approximately \$100K - \$110K. They have unsuccessfully sought money from multiple sources.

Schuler arrived at 8:44 a.m.

Dwyer recommended Fischer contact Francisco Sanchez at WOW for additional funding. Dwyer sits on that board and will see what he can do to help. Dwyer asked what services does this program offer that the Workforce Development Center does not? Fischer said she met with participants at Huber to set up a job search and provide guidance and direction. People in Huber are allotted 16 hours of work search passes to find a job. A lot of participants did not have a solid work history or knowledge on how to find a job. Held said Fischer focused on why participants are not employed and helped them learn how to find a job. She prepared loads of documents and guide sheets that will help P&P officers focus on certain parts of job searches.

Vrakas asked Fischer what she will do when this job ends? Fischer said Kaiser found her a job as a job developer in the WIA Program. Offenders are her passion and she has a masters degree in criminal justice. When the program ended, she faced the same problem that her job seekers face: finding a job. Vrakas asked if Fischer could still provide her services at Huber a few days per week? Fischer said she could volunteer to do that in addition to her full time job and family or find other volunteers to help. There is far more work than one FTE can do on their own. The waiting list consisted of a couple hundred people.

Benedict said it seems the key component of the program is the on-site personal counseling. Fischer said the case management is intensive, one-on-one treatment. Benedict asked is there any data to measure the effectiveness of the program? Giese said the outcomes with Fischer's help were significantly better. There are a lot of variables that need to be understood such as the bad economy, some inmates are unemployed and unskilled. What Fischer did was superb. Historically they have provided pieces of this program but never the whole program. It is a nice program to continue.

Davis said if one of the constraints to a job search is the amount of hours Huber inmates have to find a job; couldn't they be given more hours to perform a job search? Giese said more hours could be given if their efforts are reasonable. Some people will use the passes to goof off and not look for work. The number of work search passes is restricted but it can be expanded if there is legitimacy. There can be a lot of abuse and few staff to supervise the program.

Dwyer asked if anyone is following up on the participants? Fischer said the program was designed to follow up on participants for 12 months. She used to have a partner in the program but that person resigned reducing productivity.

Nelson said it is clear that people are finding jobs in this program and becoming productive members of society. It would be nice to find funding for the program. Schimel said it would be helpful to provide sustainability research to confirm the success of this program. Benedict said this program shows the value of investing in reentry. There is evidence of potential for success and impact.

Dwyer said the CJCC has expanded its programs through grants and county funding. A lot of things are going well but programs need to be prioritized. We are stuck in a dilemma of how to fund this program without pulling funding from other programs. Private partnerships may have to be sought to provide funding.

Henken of the Public Policy Forum (PPF) said he may be able to help Fischer find funding through the Bader Foundation Collaborative. Fischer will talk with Henken about this possibility.

### **Update on Alcohol Treatment Court Program Outcomes & Participation Fee Assessment & Collection**

Carpenter said Judge Kiefer will be attending NDCI (National Drug Court Institute) judicial training in October in Reno, Nevada. Dr. Hiller recently completed the process and outcomes evaluation for the program. Luczaj said copies were emailed to council members.

The report found court interventions should be developed for more serious OWI offenders, which is the most worthwhile object of the program. Shorter sentences are too short to motivate people to be in the program. The longer the sentence the higher the motivation. Also, people with medical issues were more likely to be retained in the program. The program had a 90% retention rate which is amazing since a 60% retention rate was expected.

Carpenter distributed a handout titled *Waukesha County Alcohol Treatment Court Program, Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. August 2009* and reviewed the reported statistics. ATC has had 82 participants year-to-date and 153 since the inception of the program. The current caseload is 48 averaging five new

participants per month keeping the number of each phase of the program consistent. Twelve participants are in phase 1, nine in phase 2, 12 in phase three and 15 in phase four. Two participants graduated in August and none were unsuccessfully discharged. Year-to-date 3% of participants out of 34 re-offended by picking up another OWI charge and 85% have successfully graduated this year. Two hundred and five jail days were saved in August, 3,638 saved year-to-date and 11,788 since the program started.

Trawicki left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Carpenter said 16 participants have been admitted into the program and ten have been assessed by Waukesha County since the program fee went into effect in June. Of those assessed, five were assessed to pay \$50 per month, three were assessed at \$25 per month and two were assessed at \$100 per month. Six participants are still pending assessment. To date only one participant has made payments. WCS and the court consistently follow up and encourages participants to make payments. It is too early to project the rate of compliance/noncompliance. Historically, WCS finds that clients are more willing to make payments to their case manager versus sending them through the mail to a third party. WCS accepts payments from participants and forwards it to Waukesha County. WCS is working closely with Waukesha County to close any gaps in communication. After reviewing the administrative code, Waukesha County is finding participants have other past due financial obligations owed to the county.

Carpenter said she believes the payment process will be more successful if participants make payments when they come in. Schuler said this is a pilot and the committee should be willing to make changes as necessary. In the beginning he was in favor of WCS collecting fees because in the past it has worked better when organizations collect the funds. He also thinks participants should get a bill at the beginning of the month rather than the end which would allow people more flexibility in making payments. Schuler asked his staff to start working on this. Dwyer said money handling and tracking policies would be needed if WCS collected the fees. Carpenter said there are policies already in place.

Vrakas said payments will be discussed internally. Participants could pay for the program with the money they save by not drinking. Perhaps they could be reminded of this savings.

Nelson asked has a press release been generated alerting the public to the positive attributes of ATC and the money saved through saved jail days as outlined in Dr. Matt Hiller's final analysis? Carpenter said that is not WCS's data to put out to the public. Nelson said the Education and Public Relations Committee should put out such a press release explaining how the program is working, saving money and all the success stories. Shimel said the real success is breaking the cycle of recidivism. Carpenter said she would provide Luczaj with data showing the effectiveness of the program.

#### **Update on OAR Pilot Project & Future of OAR Program**

Davis said in response to the changes in OAR laws effective July 1, 2009, and recognizing the value of a program to assist in driver's license reinstatements in order to reduce repeat OAR offenses within our county, the county executive had proposed to fund a six-month pilot program with municipal courts. The program has the potential to benefit municipal courts through a collaborative effort to sustain it beyond the length of the pilot. WCS, Luczaj and Davis contacted and met with the municipal judges to see if there was any interest in the program and to discuss how it would be run and funded. A lot of municipal judges were interested but the funding was not readily available.

Luczaj said Vrakas suggested presenting the pilot program at the next Waukesha County Collaboration Council meeting on October 26, 2009.

Dwyer said the change in legislation will increase the number of municipal holds in the county jail at a rate of \$12 per day for municipalities. Vrakas said he would like to take this to the town and city boards requesting funding.

#### **Update on RFP Process for 2010 CJCC Programs – Rebecca Luczaj**

Luczaj said results from an RFP for the Pretrial Screening, Day Report Center, ATC and Pretrial Supervision Programs were due in early September. Proposals were received from WCS and Genesis Behavioral Services. The evaluation committee met September 18 and a decision was made awarding WCS the five-year contract with two potential one-year extensions starting in January 1, 2020. The Finance Committee will review the process in October.

#### **Discuss & Consider CJCC Endorsement Policy**

Davis said the CJCC has received requests to cosponsor events. It was decided that a policy was needed outlining sponsorship criteria. Committee members received a draft of the CJCC Endorsement Policy that was written and approved by the Education and Public Relations Committee and approved by the CJCC Executive Committee.

Held said he would like people requesting CJCC endorsement to explain how the CJCC's mission statement relates to their event.

MOTION: Held moved, Dwyer second, to amend item #2 (*All endorsement requests must include the following attachments:*) of the CJCC Endorsement Policy to include “Identify how the event relates to the CJCC mission statement. Motion carried 11-0.

The committee unanimously supported the CJCC endorsement policy as presented by the CJCC Executive Committee.

#### **Discuss & Consider CJCC Logo**

Luczaj distributed color and black and white copies of the logo developed by the Education and Public Relations Committee and edited by Sarah Pinkowski of the County Executive's Office. The logo will be used on brochures and other printed materials, letterhead, website, etc.

MOTION: Dwyer moved, Madden second, to accept the CJCC logo. Motion carried 11-0.

#### **Discuss & Consider Strategic Planning Action Steps**

Luczaj distributed a list of strategic planning actions steps. She said some of the items are already being worked on.

MOTION: Huelsman moved, Dwyer second, to accept the 2009 CJCC Strategic Planning action steps. Motion carried 11-0.

#### **Update on Request for CJCC to Create Special Committee to Consider Future Huber Facilities and Programming**

Davis said Vrakas requested a special committee be developed to examine future Huber facilities and programming and the CJCC Executive Committee endorsed the idea. The committee will investigate what the Huber facility will be in the future. This project has no timeline at this time.

Dwyer asked when will this committee begin? Vrakas said it is in the 2010 budget but meetings could start now. Davis said if approved, a membership recruitment effort would be needed.

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**MOTION:** Benedict moved, Schuler second, to establish an ad hoc committee to consider future Huber facilities and programming. Motion carried 11-0.

**Update on Priority Projects for Public Policy Forum**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed the list of Public Policy Forum priority projects and explained the list had been approved by the CJCC Executive Committee.

**Next CJCC Meeting:**

November 18, 2009 @ 8:30 am, Room G55

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.